6. Subsidence study at SOCP hill top colony in Ib-valley areas (1st Phase).

7. Extraction design to prevent surface subsidence at Hingir Rampur Mine, Orient Area.

8. Vibration study due to solid blasting in Mine No. 3, Orient Area.

9. Blast optimisation and Ground vibration study at Lakhanpur OCP.

Contract Workers in MCL

313. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of contract workers working in Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. for cutting and lifting all overburden, transport and other work; and

(b) whether *Government* are aware that they arc not covered under any social security scheme and also not getting the minimum wages and other statutory benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) As reported by Coal India Limited, the total number of contract workers working in the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for cutting and lifting all overburden, transport and other works are as follows:—

1.	Cutting and lifting all overburden	—	Nil
2.	Transport	—	2,834
3.	Other works	—	2,345
	Total	—	5,179

(b) The contract workers are covered under social security scheme as applicable and they get minimum wages and other statutory benefits as admissible. However, they do not get such benefits at par with permanent workers.

Transfer of CCL mines

† 314. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision was taken by Government to transfer seven coal mines of the Central Coalfields Limited to the Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.